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TO : Chief, S/PP

FROM : Chief, Programs Division

SUBJECT: Semi-Monthly Report (Analysis Division)

DATE: 16 August 1949

I. Projects Completed

- a. Drafts of proposed revisions of NSCID #1 and #3 were submitted to the Chief, S/PP.
- b. A ~~critique~~ of the proposals submitted to the IAC by Mr. Armstrong of State Department was submitted to the Chief, S/PP.

II. Projects Underway

- a. A draft of a statement of functions for various parts of ORE is underway as part of a program to prepare material in support of recommendations for implementation of NSC 50.

- b. A study was made of a proposal submitted to CIA by Mr. Armstrong of State Department to the effect that an interdepartmental "Watch Committee" should be established to produce estimates of Soviet intentions to make war. A draft memorandum to the DCI is under study.

- c. The Division is preparing a program for its own long-range operations that will be submitted to the Chief, S/PP for approval.

- d. A study was begun of the technique of "content analysis" to determine its usefulness to ORE. A survey of literature on the subject was begun and an interview was held with [REDACTED] of FDB to discuss his newly commenced attempts at content analysis.

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- e. Commander Owens is preparing an analysis of various points in [REDACTED] Strategic Intelligence that appear to need further consideration in the light of Commander Owen's naval experience. He also visited the Naval Intelligence School and received a most favorable impression of the vigor and skill with which they are pursuing their training program. He is still collecting data concerning the school.

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f. It was discovered that the chemicals expert in B/EE appears to be duplicating the work of the chemicals expert in B/ Ec. The matter is being investigated.

g. Several conferences have been held with members of the Programs and Requirements Division to discuss with them their respective roles in connection with the future ORE Intelligence Production Plan and Collection Plan.

h. It was discovered that B/FE is developing its own branch orientation program. Their program will be followed and analyzed to determine the correctness of its teachings and its success in improving Branch operations.

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